

Senior Issues, Etc.

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Commission
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Re: MB Docket No. 1457

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 19 2000 I started Senior Issues ETC. as a local origination show with Jones Cable T.V. We were seen in three communities. The show clicked immediately because of the originality and we were the only senior show at that time. AT&T took over Jones Cable and turned us into a cable access show.

In 2002 Comcast which took over AT&T came in with a training program which included a training Manual for certification.

I may be over 80 years old, but due to the support of companies like Comcast, I've stayed at the cutting edge of innovation in public access TV. My show, "Senior Issues Etc." has been run by and for senior citizens for over 14 years.

I respectfully urge your approval of the proposed Time Warner Cable – Comcast transaction so that every community, no matter how young or old, can connect and grow stronger with state-of-the art technology.

Public access TV fills a large gap in many communities' media landscape. It's easy to find national news with high-profile voices, but often hard to hear the great ideas of those only a few blocks away. That issue is even more pressing among our senior communities, who are often isolated due to physical and financial difficulties.

My team films and produces "Senior Issues" at Comcast's studio facility in Waukegan, IL. Comcast has also empowered our show by broadcasting our diverse voices to more than just Channel 17. They've helped give us the skills to develop our own website, editing, and graphics. We can be found on YouTube, an array of blogs, and even Patch.com.

I understand that the incredible opportunities we've seen at "Senior Issues" are by no means unique throughout Comcast-served areas. We've heard about Comcast's commitment to spreading public access voices to emerging entertainment and news venues through online and on-demand programming.

We hope that approval of this transaction will bring those successful trials to communities closer by, including current Time Warner Cable markets. Through public access TV, some of our most dispersed and isolated communities can connect around shared visions

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and solutions. That includes citizens of all ages. Please approve this transaction to extend Comcast's commitment to the opportunities of those connections.

Our vision for the future has expanded greatly. We see ourselves as a pilot model which will connect and extend throughout the country using education to communicate and share for a fuller vital life. Comcast has been our vehicle to get there.

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Vito Verda
Host. Oregonator